

<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>9 APRIL 2026</b>	<b>REPORT NO:</b>	<b>MO/13/2526</b>
<b>PRESENTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES</b>		
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<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2025-2026</b>		

<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<b>APPENDIX A: SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PLAN 2025-26</b>
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To request that Members review the progress of the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025/26.

### **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that Members;
  - a) note the progress of the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025/26 to date; and
  - b) recommend the remaining scrutiny item on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025/26 be carried forward to the next Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2026/27.

### **Introduction and Background**

3. A scrutiny workshop was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 to identify topics for the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan 2025/26. The proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Plan was presented to Members of the Scrutiny Committee in July 2025.
4. The approved Scrutiny Forward Work Plan for 2025/26 is contained in Appendix A.
5. Those topics Members have been presented to scrutinise to date have been marked blue on the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan.
6. There remains one outstanding item to review on the current Scrutiny Forward Work Plan; management of contaminants. It is recommended that this last remaining scrutiny item be carried forward to the next committee year 2026/27.

7. This is due to a forth coming inspection by the Health and Safety Executive, with supporting documentation due to be submitted in May which will set out how the Authority manages its risks including contaminates. Officers consider it prudent to defer the scrutiny item until after the inspection has concluded in order to advise Members of its findings and any resulting actions in regard to management of contaminates.
8. An overview of the scrutiny undertaken by Members of the Scrutiny Committee for the year 2025/26 will be provided to Members at the next meeting of the Authority.

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### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

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9. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report. Any topics contained within the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan itself will address such implications as appropriate when scrutinised by Members.

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### **Staff Implications**

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10. There are no staff implications directly arising out of this report.

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### **Legal Implications**

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11. There are no legal implications directly arising out of this report.

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### **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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12. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

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### **Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

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13. There are no risk management or health and safety implications arising from this report. Any topics contained within the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan itself will address such implications as appropriate when scrutinised by Members.

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### **Environmental Implications**

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14. There are no environmental implications arising from this report. Any topics contained within the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan itself will address such implications as appropriate when scrutinised by Members.

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Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

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15. The scrutiny of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service's actions contained in the Scrutiny Forward Work Plan provides greater scrutiny and accountability of its standing within the community and the Authority as an employer.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**NONE**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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